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I'LL SAY IT'S THE

# MEXICO CITY TAKEN, RISE IN BREAD PRICE REBELS NOW CLAIM; **SCORE WIDE GAINS**

Three State Capitals Reported Seized Through Revolt of Garrisons.

#### MANY OTHER TOWNS SAID TO BE TOTTERING

Mines in Custody of Revolutionaries-Carranza Prepares to Flee, But Has Not Done So.

By the Associated Press. EL PASO, Tex., May 8 .- Three state bapitals in Mexico fell into the hands of revolutionists today through the revolt of Carranza garrisons, coincidentally with the unconfirmed report given out by the revolutionists here that Mexico City, capital of the republic, had been taken by Gen. Ben-Jamin Hill.

Saltilla, capital of the state of Coahuila, which borders on the United States, revolted late yesterday, revolutionary advices today said. It was Announced that Gens. J. Augustin Castro and Casesereo Castro, former Car-Janza leaders, had revolted with their troops in several garrisoned towns. Including Saltillo.

Flees With Public Funds.

Gen. Espinosa Mireles, Carranza kovernor of Coanuila, which is the home state of the Mexican president, fled with all the public funds to Monterey, Nuevo Leon, where Carranza adherents were reported con-centrating to resist the revolutionlsts, it was announced.
Carranza troops at Las Vacas. across the international boundary broke into the outskirts of the town, from Del Rio, Texas, revolted, according to local rebel leaders. Coal mines and towns in northern Coandinies and towns in northern Coandinies and towns in northern Coandinies and towns in high revolutionists.

Of Riev. Toward evening the enemy but were held up by our counter attacks. Later our troops, in accordance with orders, started to withdraw in order to the left bank of the Dnieper river."

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"Piedras Negras, across the boundary from Eagle Pass, Tex., will fall today." the announcement said. "Gen. Reynaldo Garza in a telegraphic communication to President Carranza asked him to resign and said he was holding Laredo, notwithstanding the fact that his soldiers were on the verge of joining the revolution."

Dnieper river."

"In the direction of Pytaloff our twonty-eight miles south of Krasny. In the direction of Igumen, east of Minks, the enemy attempted to cross the President village, but was driven back across the river."

Carransa Still in Capital. Gen. Jose Gonzalo Escobar, Juarez com-mander, who recently joined the revolution, has declared that the chief execut tive, though preparing for flight, has not

has loined the army in its revolt against federal government, it was an-need. Toluca, the capital, was reported cut off from Mexico City.

Gen. Angel Flores is drawing near
Mazatlan, the principal seaport of
Sinaloa, and the fall of the city is imminent, Gen. Escobar said. According
to revolutionists' claims, Gen. Iturbe,
the Carranza leader, is "committing abuses" on sympathizers of Gen.
Alvareo Obregon, candidate for the
presidency of Mexico, and one of the
leaders of the anti-Carranza move-Gen. Francisco Urbalejo, commander

of the Casas Grandes garrison in Chihuahua, has formally declared his allegiance to the revolutionist party, in a letter said to have been written to Gen. Plutarci Elias Calles, com-mander of the revolutionary forces of the northwest. Gen. Salinas in El Past.

Gen. E. Salinas, brother-in-law of President Carransa, and provisional governor of Chihuahua, when the zevolutionists seized Chihuahua City recently, was in El Paso today. On reaching Juarez last night Gen. Sali-nas was escorted to the international bridge by two officers detailed by Gen. Salinas has never renounced his allegiance to President Carranza, and it was understood here that he would make his temporary residence in the United States.

#### MEXICO CITY CUT OFF BY DESTRUCTION OF

**WIRE LINES BY REBELS** Mexico City is believed here to have been virtually cut off from communi-cation with the outside world through cation with the outside world through
the destruction of the wire lines by
the revolutionists. The State Department has received no word from the
American embassy at the Mexican
capital since Thursday.

There is a powerful wireless station
in the capital, but there was some
dioubt whether this was in operation.
In some Mexican circles it was suggested that Carranza probably had
closed this station so as to screen osed this station so as to screen his activities.
No confirmation of reports that the president had left Mexico City has yet been received here.

#### FIREMAN DIES, FOUR HURT IN A BALTIMORE BLAZE

BALTIMORE, Md., May 8.—Charles Parks, a fireman, was killed and four other members of the fire department were injured at a blaze which wrecked the interior of a retail clothing store in Baltimore street near Calvert early today. The Emerson Hotel, two doors away, was menaced for a time, but there was no panic among the guests.

The loss on the building and the stock of the clothing company was estimated at \$150,000.

termined upon by the bakers to go into effect Monday, will be demanded by Senator Capper of Kansas. He will introduce a resolution on Monday directing the District committee of the Senate to inquire into the increase. "I do not think that the proposed increase in the cost of bread, which it increase in the cost of bread, which it is said is 17 per cent, is justified," said Senator Capper. He was a member of the subcommittee of the Senate District committee which investigated the high cost of living in the District last summer and fall.

Senator Capper said he intended to discuss the increase in the price of bread in the Senate Monday. He recently made, a speech in which he charged that tremendous profits are being made in many industries, and that the profiteering going on is the that the profiteering going on is the greatest menace which the country faces at this time.

# KIEY IS CAPTURED BY POLISH FORCES, **BOLSHEVIKS ADMIT**

Ukrainians Assist in Seizing Their Capital-Red

Troops in Danger.

By the Associated Press. LONDON, May 8.—Polish and Ukrainian troops captured Kiev on Thursday night, according to an official statement issued at Moscow yesterday and received here by wireless. The text of the statement says: "In the Kiev region during the night of May 6-7 our toops engaged superior enemy forces northwest and southwest of Kiev. Toward evening the enemy

into El Paso during the last twentyfour hours.

Victories also have been won further south, revolutionist leaders here
said. Tehauntepec Isthmus and Oaxam, both in the state of Oaxaca, and
the railway junction of Cordoba, Vera
Cruz. have been lost by the federals,
according to reports given out at
military headquarters in Juarez, opposite here.

encircling movement about Kiev.

Bialatserkiev was the Polish gateway
during the Tarfar invasions. There
stands the Polish defending castle built
in 1515, which the bolsheviki used
against the Poles. The castle was taken
in hand-to-hand fighting, the bolsheviki
finally withdrawing northward towards
finally withdrawing no

Despite persistent reports that Presi-dent Carranza has fied to Vera Cruz, with Gen. Denikine, who surrendered Gen. Jose Gonzalo Escobar, Juarez com-Retreat May Be Cut Off.

BERN, May 7.—The bolshevik retreat eastward in the vicinity of Kiev may soon be cut off through the occupation of the railway by the Ukrainian irregulars near Fastov, southwest of Kiev according to a measurement. ceived here today by the Ukrainian mission.

The message adds that major operations against the bolsheviki are ir progress in western Ukrainia and that Polish. Ukrainian and Galician troops have joined for the purpose of pursions the help have to be purpose of pursions.

suing the bolsheviki. All Doubt Is Removed.

showed these reports to have been er roneous. Today's advices from the soviet side, however, seem to leave no room for doubt that the Polish campaign for possession of the city har been at least temporarily successful The latest advices from Warsaw on the Kiev campaign are two days old, having been filed in the Polish capi-tal at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday. The re-ports available in Warsaw at that time indicated that the fight for the time indicated that the fight for the approaches to the city was still in progress during the day, Thursday. Capital of Ukraine.

Kiev, a city of 250,000 or more population before the war, is the capital of the Ukraine. The town has changed hands several times during the fighting between contending groups in the Ukrainian territory and the conflict between the Denikine forces and the bolsheviki. The latter have been in possession of it since last December, taking the city during the collapse of the Denikine army in kiev, in addition to its importance to Ukraine as its chief city, has also been looked upon from the entente side as a valuable outpost at a strate-gic point against the advance of bol-shevism in central Europe along the extended line stretching from

#### MR. MORGENTHAU WILLING TO TAKE POST IN MEXICO

NEW YORK, May 8.—Henry Morgenthau, nominated by President Wilson as ambassador to Mexico, issued a statement today denying reports that he would decline to accept the post if confirmed by the Senate.
"I do not intend to request the Presi-"I do not intend to request the President to withdraw my nomination as ambassador to Mexico," said Mr. Morgenthau, "I heartily welcome the opportunity to undertake to render the great services involved in this position, and as I have utilized the time since my nomination was sent to the Senate to familiarize myself with Senate to familiarize myself with present conditions in Mexico, I am willing and ready, notwithstanding any risk involved to promptly assume my duties after confirmation by the Senate."

### DEFER PEACE RESOLUTION

Austrian Arms Go for Food.

VIENNA, May 6.—Arrangements for further sales and exportation of government arms and ammunition have been made by the allied conherengoing in large quantities to the meighboring states, particularly Hungary and Poland, in exchange for food, fuel and other necessaries of food, fuel and other necessaries of fife.

UNIL IUESUAT, MAY II

Senate republican leaders today decided to postpone calling up the peace resolution until next Tuesday. The steering committee yesterday made plans to begin debate Monday, but seering committee where yesterday made plans to begin debate Monday, but seering committee yesterday made plans to begin debate Monday, but seering committee yesterday made plans to begin debate Monday, but seering committee yesterday made plans to begin debate Monday, but seering committee yesterday made plans to begin debate Monday, but seering committee yesterday made plans to begin debate Monday, but seering committee yesterday made plans to begin debate Monday, but seering committee yesterday made plans to begin debate Monday, but seering committee yesterday made plans to begin debate Monday, but seering committee yesterday made plans to begin debate Monday, but seering committee yesterday made plans to begin debate Monday. Senator Lodge, republican leader, to-day said that because of absence of a number of senators it had been determined to a two weeks' duration for men on leave. The men will travel on special trains which will carry about 100 officers and men. Guides will be furnished and the men will be expected to pay incidential expenses.

Coblenz Hotels Crowded.

COBLENZ, May 8.—American tourists have been warned by United States Army authorities there is no room in this city for visitors, as all hotels are crowded.

## RETIREMENT BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

Conference Report on Clerks' Measure Adopted Without Record Vote.

The House today without a record ote adopted the conference report on the Lehlbach-Sterling bill to create a retirement system for the classified civil service. This action was taken after House Leader Mondell had impressed upon the House that its favorable action would in-sure early enactment of this far-reaching constructive measure.

Says Bill Will Save Money. While Chairman Lehlbach of the committée on reform in the civil service, who, has been in charge of this legislation in the House, was explaining the conference agreement. Champ Clark, the leader of the democrats, asked Mr. Lehlbach if he had read the article printed in The Washington Star to the effect that the civil service retirement system would ington Star to the effect that the civil service retirement system would save money for the government. Mr. Lehlbach replied that it will save money not only indirectly by securing greater efficiency in the federal service, "but it actually will save money," he said.

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'Mr. Lehlbach Explains Changes.

The agreement on the age of retirement was explained by Mr. Lehlbach. The Senate had raised the retirement age to seventy years. The House committee amended the bill to make the general age of retirement sixty-five years and sixty and sixty-two years for certain classes of postal employes. The conference agreement was on a general retirement age of seventy years, with a provision for sixty-five years for letter carriers, mechanics and post office clerks and sixty-two years for railway mail clerks. The House approved this agreement.

The prohibition placed against the replacement of clerks in the federal service in Washington who may be discharged during the next year was explained also by Mr. Lehlbach.

Conference Report in Senate.

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# THEM, SAYS POST

Continuing his defense of his conduct in alien deportations, Assistant Secretary of Labor Post told the House Secretary of Labor Post told the House rules committee today that in many cases exorbitant bail was demanded by the Department of Justice so as to keep aliens locked up, and that in reducing the amount of bail he only followed the constitutional prohibition against excessive bond.

By placing the amount at \$1,000, instead of \$10,000, he said, the government was able to obtain the appearance of the aliens when they were wanted.

"Evidently the bail demanded was not to insure the appearance of t has been ascertained that half of the 366 keep aliens locked up, and that in re-Ukrainian officers who surrendered to ducing the amount of ball he only fol-the Poles were Germans. These were lowed the constitutional prohibition

meet any impeachment charge for re-ducing bail."

Reviews Deportation Cases. Deportation cases that have been pre-sented before the rules committee, as the basis of attacks against Mr. Post were reviewed at length by him. The evidence of these cases, he said, had not been presented to the committee, and he read portions of it contending that Reports that Kiev had fallen were no proof to warrant deportation was discurrent in Warsaw on Monday of this closed. Affidavits of Department of Justeek, but subsequent developments tice agents, included in the records, the presenting these cases, the assistant secretary declared that the House immi-gration committee, in bringing them beough "up to the point of producing the evidence." fore the rules committee, had been thor-"The whole matter has been pre-judged," commented Mr. Post.

He said he canceled the deportation warrant against Enrique Flores Magon, a Mexican, because the evidence gon, a Mexican, because the evidence showed Magon "did not believe in an-archism in any accepted sense of the term," although he said he was a "communist anarchist." Mr. Post in-terpreted the evidence to show that Magon believed in change of the form of government by a majority vote. Chairman Campbell referred to statement of principles of the Mexi-can liberal party, of which Magon was a member, favoring revolution to change the form of government, and Mr. Post answered that this declaration referred to Mexico, not the United States.
"Then Magon had one view as to

Mexico and another one as to the United States," commented Mr. Campbell.
"I did not say that," rejoined Mr.
Post, "but that is what was meant."
Mr. Post later said the evidence showed Magon's belief that the change in the Mexican government could no

#### **URGENT DEFICIENCY BILL**

be accomplished by the ballot.

IS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT The urgent deficiency bill, carrying \$300,000,000 for railroad operarolling stock.

#### COBLENZ, May 8 .- American doughboys will be given an opportunity to risit points of interest in the former UNTIL TUESDAY, MAY 11 battle zone of France through the efforts of Army officers, who have arranged for ten different tours of two

Tours for American Doughboys.



# TALK TO SOCIALISTS SCORES PRESIDENT

In Address Before National Convention Declares Party Is 2,000,000 Strong.

NEW YORK, May 8 .- An attack on the administration of President Wil-Cation between Aguas Calientes, Zacateds, Torreon and Saltille was repectally immediately south of the Press).—Pushing northeasterly towards the Dnieger the Poles and Ukrainians to the Onling into El Paso during the last twenty-four hours.

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He declared that the last three years had furnished the most striking and abhorrent proof of the fallacy of "the

Reign of Moral Terrorism. Hillquitt said in the course of his speech:
"Wilson, the idealist and humani-tarian, has inaugurated a reign of intellectual obscurantism, moral ter-rorism and political reaction, the like of which this country had never known. The morbid national psy-chology which he has helped to

known. The morbid national psychology which he has helped to creat has produced such atavistic political types as Palmer, Burleson. Sweet and Lusk. It has advanced to places of honor political mountebanks like Ole Hanson, but has put into prison stripes the noblest and truest types of American manhood, persons like Eugene V. Debs, and many of his less conspicuous fellow prisoners. The pitiful collapse of Wilson's liberalism was nothing accidental." Free Russia." Otto Branstetter of Chicago, national executive secretary, then called the convention to order. The delegates, with a number of fraternal delegates from sympathetic international labor bodies, were assembled in the Finnish Workers' Educational Association Hall.

Today's organization processing the control of the control

for a "keynote" address and appointment of vote tellers and judges, a sergeant-at-arms, a convention secretary and minor officials. Today's organization program called

Debs Will Head Ticket. Formulation of the party's platform, in which there is exceptionally keen interest this year, will be begun next week. The nominations for President and Vice President, it is expected, will be bank all the bandits are least the product of the country of the same all the bandits are and Vice President, it is expected, will not be made until near the close of the convention, possibly next Friday, but it appears to be virtually the unanimous opinion of party leaders that Eugene V. Debs, now serving a tenyear term in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., for violation of the espionage act, will be named to head the

The names most prominently men-tioned for the namination for Vice President are those of Seymour Stedman of Chicago, general counsel for the party; Scott Nearing, formerly professor of economics at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Toledo, and Mrs. Kate Richards O'Hare of Kansas City, who, like Debs, is serving a term for violation of the espionage act. She is confined at the federal prison at Jefferson City, In addition to the 200 delegates at-

tending the convention, a number of fraternal delegates are present representing sympathetic international labor bodies. The latter will be per-mitted to participate in the debates,

#### TUESDAY Economy Day

for Men To relieve the congestion on

other days some of the leading men's wear establish-ments of Washington will hereafter offer special inducements for Tuesdays' buyers. The first of these special announcements will appear in Monday's Star,

### SENATE MAY ORDER D. C. SCHOOL SURVEY

National Capital by educational experts probably will be made under the direction of the Senate select committee which has been investigating the schools, it was said today. Members of the committee intend to make further trips of inspection in the schools, but they desire to have the views of expert educational authorities, and they are planning to bring such authorities to Washington to make a report on the school system

ere. Work on a report is progressing and it is expected that the committee will submit its findings and recommendations to the Senate within the next ten days or two weeks. Whether the recommendations of the subcommittee

A bill transferring the appointing power which selects the members of the board of education to the Presi-District Supreme Court, may also result from the investigation

# SUSPECTED BANK ROBBER INDICTED ON TWO COUNTS

Clarence Adams Charged With Killing Hallowell and Stealing \$5,500.

ROCKVILLE, Md., May 8 (Special). -Two indictments were found today ke Eugene conspicuous le... of Whise... the pitiful collapse of Whise... the pitiful collapse of with the singing of "The Internationale," the singing of "The Internationale," Spring bank robbery. One of the indictments charges one of the cago, national executive secretary, then cago, national executive secretary, then the convention to order. The another with the larceny of \$5,500 of funds of the Sandy Spring Savings Institute and the First National Bank by the grand jury, meeting in special

Requisition Papers Prepared. Requisition papers to obtain custody f Adams from the Camden authorities vere prepared today by State's Attorney Dawson In his charge to the grand jury Judge Edward C. Peter of the circuit equally guilty of murder.

Fourteen Witnesses Examined. Fourteen witnesses grammed.

Fourteen witnesses were examined by the grand jury. They are: Peter Bradley, George Brown, Elzie Dorsey, William E. Disney, Mina Campbell, Robert L. Williams, Jesse Marlow, Francis Miller, Asa M. Stadler, Alban Thomas, Sallie P. Brooke, John T. Hill, Jessie Penn and Howard E. Phelns. Phelps.

More Captures Expected.

That the entire gang who committed the bank robbery and also the member who shot and killed Francis M. Hallowell, member of the board of directors of the bank, will soon be in custody is the belief of Detective Bradley of Baltimore, who has been working on the case.

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Contemplated Structure in Chicago

chitects have planned 4,000 rooms.

The cost is estimated at \$15,000,000.

A theater seating 2,500, 400 kitchenattes for those who desire to cook their own meals and one sixteenstory unit for backelors are features.

A minimum charge of \$15 a day in the property of the units is contemplated.

Some time ago, the public took encouragement from the fact that the foundation of the sum of \$2,500,000 is recouragement from the fact that the quired for the next fiscal year. When their bread prices. But yesterday the board met and decided that beginning monday the bakers will be justified at peace. ettes for those who desire to cook their own meals and one sixteen-story unit for bachelors are features.

# MOUNTING PRICES PUTTING PEOPLE AT THEIR WITS' ENDS

Various Remedies Fail to Halt H. C. L.—Special Worries in D. C.

Despite the efforts of the Departmen of Justice, the various civic organizations and other movements inaugurated to "lower the high cost of living," prices of everything have been steadily mounting until now the average housewife is really "up against it" in her problem to make both ends meet.

far their efforts have met with crushing defeat. No one seems to be able to fix the blame for the high prices and effect an immediate and lasting remedy.

All Disclaim Responsibility. Manufacturers say they are not to plame; farmers declare they are not responsible; retail merchants aver they are "operating at the smallest possible margin of profit," and that sweeping reductions in the prices of the goods they sell would not be "feasible." Labor says not responsible. And the consuming public, bowed with the weight of prices heaped upon ts shoulders, cries out that it cannot possibly stand for another increase that the back of the camel is already loaded to capacity and further addition to the burden will probably cause

"Something May Happen." Economists and close students of human nature are unanimous in their assertion that prices cannot continue to mount without "something happenmount without "something happensing." Each dollar, greatly decreased in value, is being stretched to the limit by the public in order to purchase the necessities of life.

The newspapers are filled daily with reports from every section of the country that prices aore still on the upward trend, and there seems to be no hope of a reduction.

In Washington there are many contributing causes to the general public's worriment.

lic's worriment.

6¼ to 7½ cents.

Washington Gas Light Company wants to increase the cost of gas to Washington Gas Light Company wants to increase the cost of gas to Washington consumers approximately 35 cents per 1,000 cubic feet.
Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company is planning to boost telephone rates in the District.
Potatoes are in the same class with jewels and precious stones. House, and precious stones. House, and precious stones. jewels and precious stones. House-wives are unable to buy more than one-Only fourth of a peck at a time. Some housewives, whose pocktbooks have felt Sugar Is "Out of Sight."

Sugar is "out of sight." That it is scarce has been the experience of every person who carries a market basket. Twenty to 22 cents a pound is asked by dealers who have been provident enough, or know how to "pull wires" sufficiently, to lay up a store of sugar. The refiners and representatives of the Department of Justice have been getting their heads

slav state.

China abstained from signing the treaty of Versailles, but will join the league by ratifying the Austrian treaty, which contains the covenant of the league. Four other states—San Marino, Luxembourg, Georgia and Iceland—were not mentioned in the officiency appropriation bill, makes \$650,000 of the amount authorized in the bill introduced by Representative R. Walton were of sugar. The refiners and representatives of the Department of be admitted to the league. Mexico has never been asked to join. resentatives of the Department of Justice have been getting their heads together to effect a "remedy" for the shortage of sugar and the prevailing

Will Cost \$15,000,000.

CHICAGO. May 8.—Plans for the largest hotel in the world were made public today. The hotel will be in five units, with the present Edgewater Beach Hotel as one unit, and will front three city blocks on Lake Michigan and Sheridan road. The architects have planned 4,000 rooms. The cost is estimated at \$15,000,000. A theater seating 2,500, 400 kitchenettes for those who desire to cook as the solution to the problem by fixing what it considers "fair margins of profit" for dealers and producers. Howard Figg, who is in charge of the government's campaign, has appointed a fair price advisory board, consisting of representative business men of the District. Some time ago, the public took endaysory board refused to grant the bakers of Washington an increase in (Continued on Page 2, Column 8.)

#### HOOVER GIVES PLAN

TO END SUGAR SHORTAGE Rationing of sugar to manufactur rs of non-essentials and an agreement between the United States and foreign countries not to bid against each other for this commodity were suggested today by Herbert Hoover as means of relieving the present sugar situation. Mr. Hoover made his suggestions in a telegram to Senator Cap-

# EAGUE OF NATIONS FOUR MONTHS OLD

Resume of Work Accomplished—28 States Pledged

Against War.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE. The league of nations has been in existence for four months. What has it to show in the way of positive results thus far? The facts as obtained from official information here disclose that much of the work of organization is yet to be done, but that plans for every branch of the league's activity are fully under way.

Elihu Root, former Secretary of State, will sail soon for London to act in an advisory consists when the consuming too much time in studying the voluminous data prepared by the railroads. The cost to the railroads of the increases asked and the possibility of higher freight rates are not determining factors in deciding the wage controversy, he argued.

At the end of the hearing Chairman approunced that the beard would sults thus far? The facts as obtained in an advisory capacity when the con-

stitution of a permanent court of international justice is drawn up for vocated such a court and so have other leading republicans. It was provided for in the covenant of the league and is now to be established by conference of the most eminent jurists of all countries on June 1 at London. The international court will handle all judicial questions, all disputes between nations which are matters of law, as apart from political questions. But even political controversies between nations often involve a question of law or facts, and it will be possible for the council and the assembly of the league of nations where political problems will be considered always to refer a question of law or fact to the international court for a judgment or opinion.

court for a judgment or opinion. Importance Conferences Ahead.

Besides the meeting at London to reate an international court of justice, three other international conferences are to be held under the auspices of the league of nations. The financial conference at Brussels May 25 has already attracted the attening until now the average housewife is really "up against it" in her problem to make both ends meet.

Economists have racked their brains for a solution to the problem, and thus are their areas are supported.

His estimate, he said, was supported by government agencies and quoted the estimate made by Prof. Royal S. Meeker, commissioner of labor statistics, in August, 1919. That estimate for May, he was \$2,262. The estimate for May, he

Rome on May 14.

Plans will be approved at that meeting for the admission of new states, for the convening of the asstates, for the convening of the assembly, for the constitution of a permanent armaments commission and the registration of all new treaties between members of the league. Other questions will be taken up, other questions will be taken up, such as central European relief and conscienceless financial ghouls.

Packers Make Reply. meeting any treaties or agreements they may have made with each other. This is the first step in the era of macy on the matter of treaties. Indeed, the provisions of the league already apply to the twenty-eight nations which are members. These include Japan, Great publicity or open dip Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, Bo livia, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Peru, Panama, Siam, Uruguay, Liberia and Guatemala-all of whom were in the war or signed the treaty of Ver-sailles—and the states which were neutral, but have joined the league, neutral, but have joined and such as Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Denmark, Netherlands, Norway, Vene-

zuela, Paraguay, Persia, Sal Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. 28 Pledged Against War. The meaning of the foregoing mempership list can best be understood when it is considered that every one of those twenty-eight nations, including, for instance, Japan, is absolutely pledged not to make war without first allowing nine months for investigation or arbitration or the consideration of Worries in Washington.

Here are a few of the reasons why the consuming public in Washington is worrying:

Street car fares have jumped from the spir of the moment without invoking the possible ill-will or even military force of all the other powers. The making of war is not prohibited

Only eleven states have signed the more keenly than others the high cost of living, are buying potatoes "by the piece."

the league. These include the United States, Cuba, Ecuador, Greece, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Portugal, Rumania, Hedjaz and the new Jugo-

What League Has Done.

ing a league commission of inquiry to Russia, and took first steps for the prevention of typhus in Poland. April 9—Answered request of su-The question arises, what steps are being taken to combat high prices?

The Department of Justice is endeavoring to find a solution to the problem by fixing what it considers "fair margins of profit" for dealers and producers. Howard Figg, who is in charge of the government's campaign, has appointed a fair price advisory board, consisting of representative business men of the District.

Some time ago, the public took endown the fact that the

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# **ASK LABOR BOARD** FOR A LIVING WAGE

TWO CENTS.

Lauck, in Concluding Argument, Says Family of Five

Needs \$2,500 Year. Labor's argument on the wage denands of the 2,000,000 railway workers of the country was concluded before the Railroad Labor Board today by W. J. Lauck, former secretary of the War Labor Board, appearing on

behalf of the railroad brotherhoods and unions. Mr. Lauck asked the board to establish a minimum living wage for unskilled railroad workers, with a differential above that for skill, haz-ard and responsibility.

Early Decision Urged.

Early decision by the board was urged by Mr. Lauck, who declared that it was feared delay would mean serious disturbance to transportation. He asked the board to decide the question

Barton announced that the board would discontinue public hearings until May 17, when the board will be established in Chicago, unless it should be decided submission to the assembly of the logical league at a later meeting this year. In now pending. The application pending senator Knox in his recent speech advocated such a court and so have other vocated such a court and so have other leading republicans. It was provided organization to the Order of Railroad organization to the Order of Railroad talegraphers, whose demands have been relative that submission to the assembly of the league at a later meeting this year. Senator Knox in his recent speech adis understood to be from the American telegraphers, whose demands have been presented. Chairman Barton said that executive sessions will be held constantly between now and the 17th, in order that the board may proceed as rapidly

> Minimum of \$2,500 Needed. A minimum of \$2,500 a year is necessary for the support of an American family of five, Mr. Lauck told the board. Mr. Lauck yesterday charged corporate profiteers for present living costs. He presented to the board's compliation of budgets on the cost of living based on studies made under his supervision and by federal and state agencies.
> "It is impossible," he said. "for a family of five in the United States to maintain itself even in decent poverty under systims conditions for

erty under existing conditions for a penny less than \$2,500 a year." Figures Are Supported.

insisted, should be \$2,528.

Mr. Lauck in his statement declared that "the fundamental cause of all economic instability, all industrial unrest, all interruptions of production and distribution has been high prices and profitering by organized control.

Figures presented by Mr. Lauck be-fore the board last night were char-acterized by the American Institute of Packers as "unreliable and an ex-

or Packers as unreliable and an ex-travagant exaggeration so far as they attempt to set forth profits in this industry."

"The only fair way of measuring packers' profits as to their effect on prices, and, therefore, as to whether prices, and, therefore, as to whether the packer takes advantage of producer or consumer, is to compute the rate of profit per dollar of sales and per pound of products. If this amount were eliminated there would be no noticeable difference in retail prices. On a pound of product it amounts to only a fraction of a cent.

"It is true that the packers made a greater volume profit in 1918 than in 1914, but the compiler of the statistics submitted to the Railroad Labor Board has overlooked the fact that the volume of business has increased in about the same proportion as the volume of profits, and that, as a matter of fact, the percentage of the

ter of fact, the percentage of the profits was approximately the same."

### \$500,000 IS APPROVED TO FINISH KEY BRIDGE

House Indorses Provision in Sundry Civil Bill for Additional

Appropriation. The House today approved the provision in the sundry civil bill approified it and so are not members of priating an additional \$500,000 toward the completion of the Key bridge, which is being built by Army engineers to replace the old Aqueduct bridge at Georgetown. This sum,

The original authorization, made prior to the war, was \$1,000,000, but because of the increase in the cost of material and labor, the Moore bill raised the total to \$2,100,000.

Up to this time all of the work under water had been completed executive.

tion lines was sent out today. TURKS TO GET MONTH TO CONSIDER TREATY

PARIS, May 8 .- A general strike or-

der effective Monday morning on all Paris subways and metropolitan trac-

PARIS, May 8 .- The council of ampassadors today decided to give Turkey a month to consider the peace treety which will be presented to the Turkish plenipotentiaries in the clock room at the foreign office next Tuesday after-